

## NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg, the Omaha Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms announce the following information for the attention of the media:

## **Event Triggering this Release:**

Brandon Dorsey appeared before the Honorable Thomas D. Thalken, United States Magistrate Judge, and pleaded guilty to Unlawful Dealing in Firearms. Mr. Dorsey purchased 5 guns between March of 2007 and October of 2008 that were ultimately found on other people by the police. In 4 of those instances the guns had been purchased by Dorsey within days of confiscation by law enforcement. The guns were found in the hands of minors and a convicted felon. In a police interview Dorsey said that the guns had been stolen from him in a burglary which he claimed to have occurred after the confiscation of the weapons by law enforcement. In fact, Dorsey was dealing in firearms and purchasing guns on behalf of, in some cases, people who could not legally purchase guns in their own names. Sentencing is set for March 28, 2011.

Name of Defendant: Brandon Dorsey

AKA:

**Age:** 26

City of residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Unlawful Dealing in Firearms, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(a)(1)(A) and 924(a)(1)(D). Maximum penalty is up to 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime**: Omaha

Location of Arrest: Iowa

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme: NA

**Relevant Dates:** 

**Date of Alleged Crime**: From on or about October, 2007 through on or about

July, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: August 23, 2010

**Date Complaint Issued:** N/A

**Information Returned Date**: N/A

**Initial Appearance Date**: August 24, 2010

Trial and Date(s): N/A

**Sentencing Date**: March 28, 2011

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** Sentencing

**Assigned Magistrate Judge**: Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

**In Continuous Custody Since:** 

**Assigned District Court Judge**: Laurie Smith Camp

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